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Applicants:	Carl D. Wahlstrand; Ruchika Singhal; Robert M. Skime	Confirmation No.	5013
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Docket No.:	1023-342US01		
Title:	MODULAR IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE		

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, the period of response for which has been extended one month to run through July 7, 2006, Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following:

Remarks begins on page 2 of this paper.